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Honorable J. Lee Rankin

The enclosed material and the information set forth herein conclude our inquiry into the matters out-lined in your letters of reference.

Upon detachment from the classified enclosures, this letter may be regarded as unclassified.

Sincerely yours,

I Edgar Hoover.

Enclosures (6)

### NOTE:

Classified "Confidential" as Dallas report and letterhead so classified in order to protect current confidential informants who furnished information concerning CP efforts to infiltrate the GI Forum in Dallas in 1955 and 1956.

Referenced letters remested limited inquire into

The parent body of the American GI Forum has since its inception been strongly anticommunist and, while from informant coverage we know the members of CP, USA, in Dallas attempted to infiltrate the Dallas Chapter in 1955 and were successful in controlling that chapter for a brief period, there has been no reported CP infiltration of the chapter since 1956.

Commission question \_ 2 \_ number one in its 7-7-64
letter deals with their request to be advised if Justice Department
or any of its agencies had a file on

October 3, 1963

TESTIMONY BEFORE THE REF: SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES CONTROL BOARD WASHINGTON, D.C.

HONORABLE ROBERT KENNEDY ATTORNEY GENERAL UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WASHINGTON D.C., U.S.A.

Sir:



We take this opportunity to command the leadership of the various arms of our internal intelligence forces. We feel it is the duty and obligation of agencies asigned this responsibility to spare no effort in obtaining all information possible to insure the security of our country.

Intended as Constructive Critizism We submit the following:

A. We feel that names of organizations or individuals investigated should not be made public unless or until there is sufficient evidence,

the Group or person is subersive.

B. We feel that people employed should be of high Caliber and intell gence with ability to decide between subersive actions and Bonified Action Groups working to improve and enrich our democratic society. As you well know an investigation in the eyes of the public tends to prostitute the Group or Activity being investigated. The American G. I. Forum has been prostituted unjustly. In evidence We submit several news paper clippings.

Your reaction to the above comments is appreciated.

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The American G. I. Forum

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AMERICAN GI FORUM UNANIMOUSLY PASSED RESOLUTION DEMANDING FORCED RESIGNATION OF J. EDGAR HOOVER FOR HIS RACIST STATEMENT CONCERNING MEXICAN AMERICANS AS QUOTED IN TIME MAGAZINE OF DEC. 14, 1970, PAGE 16. UOTE "WE COOPERATE WITH THE SECRET SERVICE ON PRESIDENTIAL TCPS ABROAD. XOU NEVER HAVE TO BOTHER ABOUT A PRE IDENT BEING SHOT BY PUERTO RICANS OR MEXICANS. THEY DONT SHOOT VERY STRAIGHT. BUT IF THEY COME AT XOU WITH A KNIFE, BEWARE." UNQUOTE. SUCH PREJUDICE CANNOT HELP OUR FACE IN OUR CONNTRY AT ALL

DR HECTOR P GARCIA FOUNDER AMERICAN G. I. FORUM OF THE US

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December 19, 1970

Honorable Richard R. Nixon President Of the United States The White House Wasington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. President:

We are writing this letter to express our dissatisfaction of the remarks made by FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover against the Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans. We politely, but strongly, recommend that you use your influence on this matter to force Mr. Hoover to retire for his sarcastic remarks, which not only insulted the Mexican Americans and Puerto Ricans, but all Latin Americans.

This is probably one of the main reasons why we now have some Latin American countries that are turning away from the United States, because of people like Mr. Hoover in high postions within the Federal Government who makes derogatory remarks about Latin American people. His remarks are obviously racial in nature.

We presume that in order for us to gain dignity and respect, we must do what the Afro-American soldier did during World War II in Finch Heaveen New Guinea. We Mexican Americans have served our country faithfully during all WARS, including Vietnam and have had more than our fair share of causalities. During World War II we participated in every battlefield as combat troops and by that we do not mean quartermaster, Engineer, and Port Battalion, who were considered rear echolon troops. This is also the reason our percentage of causalities are high and our record also stands true in Vietnam. It is unfortunate that there is no justice for us Mexican Americans, because it makes no difference how right we are, we are always wrong, while on the other hand the Afro-American, no matter how wrong he is he is always right.

Just as a matter of record, this is to inform you that we are not communist. Advise of action taken.

cc: John N. Mitchell

Hector P. Garcia M.D.

Joseph J. Juarez National Chairman-GI Forum

Cabinet Committee on Opportunity

JOHN N. MITCHELL
U.S. ATTORNEY GENERAL
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON. D.C.

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Sincerely yours,

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DR HECTOR P GARCIA FOUNDER AMERICAN G. 1. FORUM OF THE U.
S. AND TEXAS STATE CHAIRMAN AMERICAN G. I. FORUM

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Dr. Hector P. Garcia 1315 Bright Corpus Christi, Texas 78405 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Dear Dr. Garcia:

I have received your telegram of December 16th and your telegram to the Attorney General has been referred to this Eureau and was received on December 17th. You may be sure I understand the concern which prompted you to contact me.

The specific portion of the extensive interview to which you make reference was only part of a general discussion of a number of topics, including assassinations, violence, threats against public officials and civil disorders. Had the entire text of my interview been reported, I am confident there would have been no misinterpretation of my comments.

Over the years it has been my privilege to associate very closely, both within and without the FBI, with many persons of Puerto Rican and Mexican origin or descent for whom I have the utmost respect. Please be assured that I had no intention whatever of criticizing, demeaning or casting aspersions on law-abiding citizens of any ethnic group or national origin.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hopver

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose the American G. I. Forum was established in 1946, as a charitable, educational, and benevolent group to aid and assist individuals in needy circumstances.

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NATIONAL VETERANS FAMILY ORGANIZATION

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Honorable William Mitchell, Attorney General of the U.S. Department of Justice Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I wish to call to your attention the ridiculouis and repugnant. remarks attributed to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover by Times magazine, a national publication.

He has impugned the character of millions of American of Puerto Ricans and Mexican-Americans descent.

Since Mr. Hoover has proven by his irresponsible remarks that he is unfit to direct an agency urge you to take action immediately and dismiss him.

Perhaps Mr. Hoover has forgotten or simply ignorant of the fact that thousands of those "knife" wielding Mexicans gave their lives to preserve our country. The millions of Mexican-Americans that have given sweat to enrich and make the Southwest great, will cheer and welcome his dismissal.

Respectfully,

Louis M. Cortez

Department Chairman

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Mr. Louis M// Cortez
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37028 Lassen Street
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 913185 BY SPUBJEITHW

Dear Mr. Cortez:

Your letter to the Attorney General regarding the "Time" magazine article, "J. Edgar Hoover Speaks Out With Vigor," was referred to this Bureau and received on January 5th. I readily understand the concern which prompted you to write.

The specific portion of the extensive interview to which you make reference was only part of a general discussion of a number of topics, including assassinations, violence, threats against public officials and civil disorders. Had the entire text of my interview been reported, I am confident there would have been no misinterpretation of my comments.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. His organization was organized in 1946 as a charitable, educational and benevolent society to render aid and assistance to needy persons in Texas. It was the subject of an Internal Security-Communism investigation based on attempted Communist Party infiltration of various chapters. The attempt was unsuccessful and we have enjoyed correspondence with various members of the organization

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Mr. Tolson

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation LINFORMATION CONTAINED Department of Justice HEREIN IS. UNCLASSIFIED Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

It has been brought to my attention by many people of an article in Time magazine, the December 14 issue.

As National Chairman of the American G I Forum, the largest Mexican American organization of the U.S., I would like to indicate to you, sir, that I resent very, very much your remarks about the Mexican-American and Puerto Rican. First of all let me say that I think as servicemen and very loyal servicemen in this country, the Mexican-American for which I am speaking, have proven to do justice in the defense of our country. I might also inform you that as an ethnic group, during World War II and the Korean conflict, we received more Congressional Medals of Honor than any other ethnic group. And I can assure you that this was not accomplished by being very poor shots and certainly that doesn't indicate that they specialized in stabbing.

It grieves me very much to think that a man of your stature and character, to date, would think of making such a remark of two groups of people who are having problems enough, social and economic, without having to tolerate any other abuse from our Presidential appointed personnel. I would hope since you are a man of great moral character and integrity that you would have the human decency to make a public apology to the Mexican-American and also to our brothers, the Puerto Ricans.

I hope that you will give me the courtesy of a personal reply

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover

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December 30, 1970

and not dictate to one of your subordinates to answer this letter.

Respectfully yours,

Joseph J. Juarez National Chairman American G I Forum of the U.S. 6312 South 30th Street Omaha, Nebraska 68107

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### JOSEPH J. JUAREZ

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January 11, 1971

Mr. Joseph J. Juarez No. 6-211/2 National Chairman American GI Forum of the U.S. 6312 South 30th Street Omaha, Nebraska 68107

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Dear Mr. Juarez:

I received your letter, with enclosure, on January 6th and can readily understand your concern.

The "Time" magazine article, "J. Edgar Hoover Speaks Out With Vigor, "followed an extensive interview covering many matters. The specific portion to which you make reference was only part of a general discussion of a number of topics, including assassinations, violence, threats against public officials and civil disorders. Had the entire text of my interview been reported, I am confident there would have been no misinterpretation of my comments.

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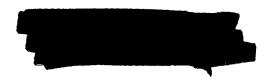
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oing 1/7/71 we represent a smillar inquiry from Mr. Louis M. Cover, Common the Department of California of this organization. It was the subject of an Internal Security-C investigation based on attempted Communist Party infiltration of various chapters. The attempt was unsuccessful and we have had cordial correspondence with various members. Juarez enclosed a business card.

January 5, 1971



Federal Bureau of Investigation Washington, D. C. 20535

### Dear Sirs:

Information as to the loyalty status of the veterans' organization, the American G. I. Forum would be much appreciated.

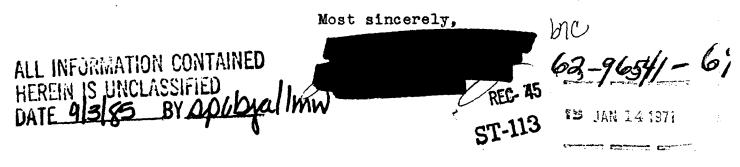
I have membership in two of the major U. S. Veterans' organizations. Both the constitutions and principles of these organizations prohibit them from forming an alliance with a subversive organization or taking in subversive members. Several times in the past year I have heard questions raised about the loyalty status of the American G. I. Forum, and no one has been able to give a concrete answer. To me this is an unhappy situation and unfair to both sides.

My hope is that you can clear the G. I. Forum in regards to subversive activity, but in any case information from you would clarify the situation, and I would be most grateful.

Thanks you.

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In reply to your letter which was received on January 11th, information in our files must be maintained as confidential in accordance with regulations of the Department of Justice. I regret I cannot be of assistance to you in this instance.

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Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover Director

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

25 January 1971

I am writing this brief letter to obtain a clarification on a complaint that was brought up at our regular American GI Forum meeting 24 January 1971.

It was stated by several members that you had apologize through the news media to the Puerto Ricans ONLY and not to the Mexican-American community.

I personally did not read nor heard it over the news hedia. But if it is true, this is adding insult to injury, to supposely your previous statement concerning the Mexican-Americans and Puerto Ricans.

Please comment to said statement?

Sincerely yours,

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Sentral American GI Forum of Bexar County

111 Goodwin Avenue San Antonio, Texas 78204

Dear

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9/3/85 BY DOLDAIN

Mr. Hoover has received your letter of Janu-

ary 25th and asked me to send you the enclosed copy of his

December 21st letter to Dr. Garcia, the contents of which may

not have been called to your attention previously.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy

Secretary

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NOTE: Bufiles disclose one prior outgoing to correspondent, 4-26-68, regarding Martin Luther King and James Earl Ray. Sent the Bureau a copy of his letter to the President on 12-19-70 regarding a recent "Time" article following an interview, with the Director. This copy was not acknowledged. Dr. Garcia is identified in Bufiles as a founder of the American GI Forum and we have acknowledged other inquiries from members of this organization regarding this article.

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Last referenced airtel and LHM shows the original estimate of persons who would attend the conference was inflated. As previously indicated, only one source attended this conference but additional coverage by observation was alforded.

The following are Mexican-American organizations in this field division on which the Lonver Office has separate files in addition to the OFi:

### UNITED MEXICAN AMERICAN STUDENTS (UMAS):

- Bufile 100-451531
- Denver file 100-9876
- 3. The total membership of UMAS among the five major colleges and universities in Colorado has probably increased since the submission of referenced Denver letter in view of increased activities, particularly at the main campus of Colorado University at Boulder (CU). Colorado where they now claim that three percent of the student body are Mexican-Americans, a 16-fold increase since UMAS began recruiting Mexican-American students for that college in 1969. This figure

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also was probably inflated in view of a memorandum prepared at CU dated 5/11/71 by the office of the Director of Institutional Research, wherein they indicate a total of 786 students had Spanish surnames at CU.

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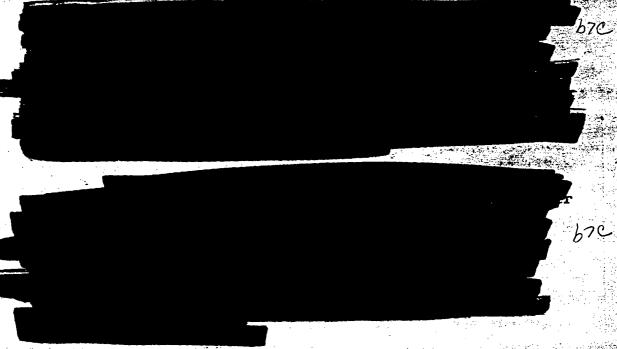
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said the percentage of UMAS students ran about 60 percent of the total Mexican-American enrollment. He estimated that the percentage would run approximately the same at the Boulder, Colorado campus. He also estimated that the total UMAS membership at the two University of Colorado campuses mentioned, plus Metropolitan State College in Denver and the University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, as well as the Colorado State University at Fort Collins, Colorado, would not exceed 400 in total. stated that a recent policy change of state colleges in Colorado no longer requires that student organizations accredited at the colleges file lists of officers, members, and statements of purpose under the minorities. studies programs at the various colleges. UMAS, along with other groups representing minority students files lists of individuals who are eligible to receive funds or indirect financial assistance by elimnation of fees, etc., as filed by their respective minority student groups. These figures, however, are not indicative of actual membership in the respective organizations, but merely an approximation of the number of representatives from various ethnic groups at the institutions.

4. Coverage of UMAS at the various campuses in Colorado is presently through racial and security sources and established contacts on the campus affected. No specific sources are members of UMAS. The activities of the organization (see report of SA dated 9/29/70 at Denver) do not appear to be of interest to the Bureau on an organizational level.

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5. Denver has no present plans to extend coverage into this student organization primarily because investigation in this case does not indicate subversive or New Left activities. There has been no charge in the basic character of the group since the gubrission of St. report on 9/29/70.



### LA RAZA UNIDA (LEU) (UNITED RACE):

- 1. There is no Bureau file in this case.
- 2. Denver file is 100-10126, and is used for channelizing information relative to the LRU, which could have possible intelligence interest. It was organized and was and is directed by the CFJ. Its candidates are all CFJ abberents but the LRU recently failed to elect

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- 3. There is no digate as to the approximate repharehop. They have publicly admitted failure to register to percent or the State of L. Lorado dor the electoral process.
- 4. There are no 120 members per se anong present sources.
- We are policy, fully sources within the CTJ Till be instructed to pur accepte in LAU activities and religion with that party. Plant for improving coverage of the CPA will mitted future coverage of the LEU.

- 1. The AGIF has no Bureau file of record in Denver.
- 2. Denver file is 100-6821 and has been used for channelizing information concerning AGIF, shortly after it was founded at the end of World War II. It has never been actively investigated since it is a legitimate chartered veterans organization. No information has been channelized to that file since referenced Denver letter of 11/5/70 and there is no change in its status. At is noted that clippings in the file reveal various Speakers for the AGIF have publicly disavowed any association with

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- to AGTF membership. Press clippings in the file testify to the existence of a state chapter in Wyoming, as well as the Colorado Chapter. The national conference reported in August, 1969, was held in Cheyenne, Wyoming, where they expected to draw 500 Pepresentatives. It is noted that this organization was founded in Corpus Cristi, Texas, in 1948 to assist Mexican-American veterans. Participants identified in channelization to the file have been reputable public officials as well as Mexican-American leaders.
  - 4. Denver has no specific AGIF coverage.
- 5. Denver does not plan to extend coverage into this organization at present.

IRU, AGIF, and DHAS were listed above since they were submitted to the Bureau in the above caption on 11/5/70. It is not intended to indicate they are considered to be militant Mexican-American organizations but merely to indicate there is no change in their status. The facts available at the present indicate the only group which could be termed militant in this field division is the CFJ. Time devoted to developing background and sources in the other organizations would seem to detract from Denver's primary goal of obtaining additional live coverage at the CFJ.

American groups in the Denver Division developed a potential for wolence, this fact will be uncovered through increased coverage at CFJ and present coverage in subversive graps that might become interested in the Nexican-American field.

Denver will submit a letter to the Bureau outlining present coverage and what steps are being taken to improve it and the CFJ by 7/21/71.

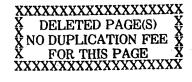




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# Gil Castorena: A Worthy Son of the Cinco de Mayo

REMARKS

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### HON. LIONEL VAN DEERLIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Tuesday, April 30, 1968

Mr. VAN DEERLIN. Mr. Speaker, within a few days, our good neighbors in Mexico will celebrate Cinco de Mayo, an anniversary that stirs deep emotions on both sides of the border.

For it was on the 5th of May, in 1862, that a gallant band of Mexican patriots routed an invading French Army at Guadalupe Heights in the city of Puebla. The Mexicans, under the inspired leadership of Benite Juarez, gave the hemisphere and the world a lesson in the indomitability of freedom when confronted by a foreign tyranny.

In my district, in the city of San Diego, resides a man who is a spiritual descendant of the great Juarez.

His name is Gilbert Castorena. He has told me that he is proud of the Mexican blood in his veins, "but proudest that I am an American."

Like the Cerro Guadalupe warriors of 106 years ago, Gil Castorena has demonstrated his courage and patriotism. Mr. Castorena's chance to prove his mettle came during World War II service with the U.S. Navy and Marine Corps. As a pharmacist's mate first class, he served with the 6th Regiment, 2d Marine Division, in Iceland, New Zealand and Guadalcanal. His unit saw some of the heaviest fighting as the United States began the mighty campaign to push the Japanese invaders back across the Pacific. From his detachment of two doctors and 20 corpsmen, only one doctor and four corpsmen came back when the fighting was over.

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Even now, this fine American recalls his combat days with a mixture of nostalgia and regret—nostalgia for the camaraderie of the wartime bivouac and regret for the comrades who did not return. His affection for the Marines promises to extend through his lifetime and beyond. He has said:

When the good Lord calls me, I hope my burial team will be made up of United States Marines.

Since the war, Gil has compiled an outstanding record of service both to his community and his country. He is one of the rising stars of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, an organization which enables him to maintain his interest in, and support for, a new generation of fighting men.

In California, where transiency is practically a way of life, he has been a virtual rock of stability, residing all his life in the home in which he was born at 3957 Alabama Street, San Diego.

Gil has been chairman of the San Diego chapter, American GI Forum; president—twice—of the Council of Latin American Clubs of San Diego County, and chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Committee at the North Island Naval Air Station.

For this last service, Mr. Castorena received a hearty "well done" from his uniformed superiors. Said one:

It is through the interest and efforts of persons like you that the idea of equal employment opportunity is translated into reality.

In a letter to me, Gil as always hopeful, and concerned about the well-being of others, described his experience on the North Island panel in the following words:

Even though some of it has been hard, heartbreaking work, it's a wonderful feeling

to know that you've contributed a little to help solve and overcome one of our biggest social problems. I honestly feel that we, as Americans at all levels, will approach and solve our problems like gentlemen and not with a chip on our shoulder.

Never before in my own years of public service have I endorsed a candidate for nonpublic office.

But now Gil Castorena is running for junior vice commander of the 62,000-member California department of the VFW. Since Gil is such an exceptional person, I am making an exception of his case—I am taking this opportunity to urge his election.

In his 24 years with the VFW, Gil has prepared for the department office he now seeks by serving at various times as chairman of his post—Don Diego No. 7420—his county council, and his district. At the department level, he has been a member of important committees, including budget and service. Currently, he is the department's assistant chief of staff and one of three members of the Loyalty Day Committee appointed by the National VFW.

Last year, he was named the outstanding district VFW commander in California, and an all-American district commander by the national organization.

With these credentials, Gil Castorena is patently well qualified to begin climbing the ladder leading to the top office of the California Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Junior vice commander is the first rung on the ladder.

If Mr. Castorena makes it, I understand that he will be the first American of Mexican descent to hold elective statewide office in the California VFW.

His forefathers, the patriots of Cerro Guadalupe, would indeed be proud of Gilbert Castorena.

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From: Acting Director, FBI

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Attached are two copies of a letter and its enclosure received from captioned individual who is not identifiable in Bufiles. Indicates he has been in contact with your office. You should furnish the Bureau a summary of pertinent information appearing in your files concerning this individual for use in evaluating future correspondence from him. Submit reply no later than 6-25-73.

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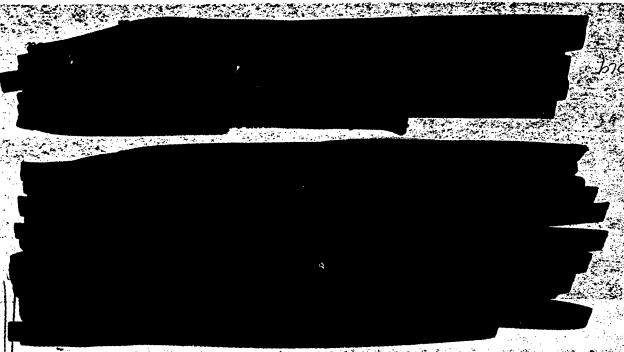
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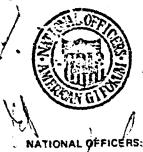
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FBI Date: Transmit the following in (Type in plaintext of code ACTING DIRECTOR, FBI SAC, SAN DIEGO (100-18554) (C) RESEARCH (CORRESPONDENCE AND CRIME RESEARCH) Buded 6/25/73 Re Bureau airtel to San Diego, 6/14/73, captioned as appeared at the On June 8, 1973, Diego FBI Office and discussed with the office Complaint Clerk his dissatisfaction with the direction in which the American GI Forum was proceeding at this time and also recent committee appointments made to that Forum. was not specific about his dissatisfactions and proceeded to elaborate on his personal accomplishments and involvements mentioned that he was going to send the San Diego FBI Office a copy of the Congressional Record setting forth some of his accomplishments as he had mentioned during the June 8th sonversation, towever, was apparently confused as to where to send it and inadvertently sent it to Washington FBI Headquarters. · Bureau (RM) San Diego

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No further information re captioned individual or is contained in the files of the San Diego Division. Therefore, this matter is considered closed.



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## ANGIFORUM OF THE UN. ED STATES

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April 17, 1975

Mr. Clarence M. Kelley, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation U.S. Department of Justice 9th St. and Pennsylvania Ave., NW Washington, D.C. 20535

Dear Mr. Kelley:

Late last July, while billing our 1974 National Convention's exhibitors, scheduling information was provided regarding our 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and our 1976 one in Denver, Colorado (celebrating both the U.S. and Colorado bicentennials).

Dates for the 1975 National Convention in Cheyenne are August 6-10 at the Hitching Post Inn. The price for an 8'-by-10' exhibit will be \$475. (A discount may be arranged for payment in advance of the Convention.)

· We intend that the price cover roughly the same elements (partitions and drapery, table and two chairs, lettered sign identifying exhibitor, an electrical outlet, etc.) as in 1974. Final details with the decorator, and the drayage firm, are still pending and will be forwarded as early as possible.

Setup of exhibits is scheduled for Wed., Aug. 6, and we understand that the U.S. Civil Service Commission will have a workshop for an estimated 300 federal Spanish Speaking Frogram Coordinators also there on that date. Main Convention activities are scheduled for the next three days, Aug. 7-9. Disassembly of exhibits will occur either late on Sat., Aug. 9, or the following morning.

Our National Chairman, Mr. Antonio G. Morales, and I are working fully with Mr. Stanley Regensherg, Chairman of the 1975 National Convention, who is resident in Cheyonne. Please send all relevant correspondence directly to me, and I will mail contracts, agenda, registration materials, etc., as early as possible,

> Cordialmente. MAY 2 1975

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To: SAC, Denver

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PERSONAL ATTENTION

From: Director, FBI

AMERICAN GI FORUM (AGIF)
NATIONAL CONVENTION
DENVER, COLORADO
JULY 8 - AUGUST 1, 1976

Bureau representation at these conventions has been considered most productive in demonstrating our interest in EEO and in providing a point of identification for individuals who may not have recognized the opportunities potentially available for them in the FBI.

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The AGIF is comprised predominantly of American veterans of Hispanic derivation and is one of the largest nitional organizations which represent the Spanish-Speaking segments of our populations.

who is currently assigned to the
Los Angeles Office, performs collateral duties as the SpanishSpeaking Program Coordinator for that office and is
responsible for maintaining liaison with Hispania organizations
including the AGIF, which is headquartered in Los Angeles.

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NOTE: By memorandum Burns to Walsh dated 4/26/76, it was proposed and approved that Bureau representatives attend a series of minority oriented conventions and conferences. Among the recommendations approved was the attendance at the American GI Forum by SA FBIHQ, and SA of the Los Angeles Division.

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Re: AGIF NATIONAL CONVENTION DENVER, COLORADO JULY B - AUGUST 1, 1976

Details concerning the attendance of FBI representatives at this convention will be furnished the Denver Office as they are formulated. Any information bearing on the attendance of Bureau personnel at this convention should be immediately brought to the attention of the Office of EEO Affairs, Finance and Personnel Division, FBI Headquarters.

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To: SAC, Denver

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A review of the proposed schedule of events for captioned convention discloses that a Seminar for Federal Government Spanish-Speaking Program Coordinators is scheduled for Wednesday, July 28, 1976, from 8:00 until 5:00 p.m. is requested to contact the Denver Regional Civil Service Commission Training Office and determine the cost and other specifics concerning this Seminar. In addition, determine what forms should be submitted to nominate attendees as it is anticipated that both SA . FBI Headquarters Los Angeles Division, will be in and SA attendance at this Seminar.

NOTE: By memorandum Burns to Walsh dated 4/26/76, it was approved that Bureau representatives attend captioned convention. Based on prior experience, the Seminar for Federal Government Spanish-Speaking Program Coordinators is considered worthy of attendance and, on receipt of specifics from the Denver Office concerning this Seminar, appropriate recommendations will be made.

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American GI Forum of Colorado MILE HIGH CHAPTER

4142 and 4134 Tejon Street Denver, Colorado 80211 (303) 433-8636

National Convention Committee:

John J. Padilla, Chairman Sarah Barela, Co-Chairman Lawrence Martinez, Co-Chairman ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED, HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED DATE 9/3/85 BY SOLDIA / IMW

Clarence Kelly Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Pennsylvania Avenue & 9th Street NW. Washington, DC 20535

Dear Mr. Kelly:

On July 28 through August 1, 1976, the American GI Forum will be holding its national convention in Denver, Colorado at the Regency Hotel, located at 3901 Elati, phone 303/458-5511.

During the convention, workshops on economic development, veterans' programs and benefits, housing, justice and law enforcement, and other relevant subjects will be held to enlighten the participants of services available.

The Community Relations Service (CRS) of the U.S.Department of Justice, has been asked to assist in an effort to secure national speakers from the Department of Justice and other law enforcement agencies to participate in the justice and law enforcement workshop. CRS believes this is a worthwhile endeavor which would do much to give Hispanics an insight to law enforcement and other aspects of the criminal justice system. It should also be a major stepping stone in enhancing communications and relationships between Hispanics and law enforcement. The workshop is scheduled for presentation on Friday afternoon, July 30, 1976.

CRS feels your expertise would be invaluable for the justice and law enforcement seminar. With these considerations in mind, we respectfully request your participation.

It is anticipated that from 1,200 to 1,500 Forumeers from throughout the United States will be in attendance. Also, this year we are introducing a Commerce and Industry Show featuring exhibits from government, private industry

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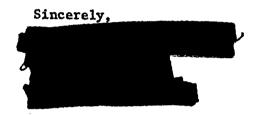
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Mountain Region of CRS at 303/03/-29/3 or Ms Sarah Barela at the above listed address or telephone number on any questions regarding the workshop.

In order that our office can make the necessary lodging arrangements at the Regency, an early reply would be appreciated. Also, should you be able to participate, please forward to us, as soon as possible, a biography and picture to be used for publicity and introduction. This information can be mailed to the above listed address.

Your interest and consideration is appreciated, thank you.



Enclosures GI Forum Brochures

Special Agent in Charge Theodore P. Rosack P.O. Box 1229 Denver, CO 80201

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Dear

Thank you for the kind invitation of June 29th for me to address the justice and law enforcement seminar at your national convention in Denver on Friday afternoon, July 30th, at the Regency Hotel. While I would certainly enjoy being with you on that date, my already heavily committed schedule precludes me from doing so. However, I will be pleased to designate one of my top assistants here in Washington to make this appearance if this is agreeable with you.

Please let me know if this meets with your approval and I will make the necessary arrangements.

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Sincerely yours,

O. M. Kelley

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## Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY AFFAIRS ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION ADIC, LOS ANGELES (80-826)

SUBJECT: AMERICAN GI FORUM (AGIF) NATIONAL CONVENTION

7/2/76 -

Re Bureau airtels dated 6/16/76 and 6/29/76.

Los Angeles Office, will attend captioned convention and is scheduled to depart Los Angeles on 7/27/76 at 11:45 a.m. via United Airlines Flight 574, arriving in Denver, Colorado, at 2:44 p.m.

Bureau and Denver will be advised of any changes.

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OFFICE OF EQUAL OPPORTUNITY **ADMINISTRATIVE** 

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AMERICAN G.I. FORUM (AGIF.), NATIONAL CONVENTION, DENVER,

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THE FREEMAN DECORATOR COMPANY, DENVER, IS IN CHARGE OF ASSEMBLING AND PREPARING THE EXHIBIT SPACE IN THE EXHIBIT AREA

OF THE REGENCY HOTEL, 3900 ELATI STREET, DENVER.

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FBI HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON, D. C. 20535.

NOTE: By memorandum Burns to Walsh 4/26/76, it was proposed and approved that Bureau representatives attend a series of minority oriented conventions and conferences. Captioned organization is among those for which approval was received. Attending will be FBIHQ, and SA of the Los Angeles Division. By teletype 7/12/76, Denver respond to inquiry from our EEO Officer, advising that exhibit space at a price of \$500.00 per booth is available and that a commitment should be made by July 16, 1976. In view of the location of this convention in an area representative of Spanish-Speaking people and the fact that we have previously displayed an exhibit at thei convention in Los Angeles, it is recommended that we again do so and that the SAC, Denver, be authorized to make appropriate arrangements.

The above teletype so authorizes the SAC.

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AGIF National Convention brochure includes pre-registration forms which should be submitted to the AGIF of the U.S. - "76", 4130 Tejon Street, Denver, Colorado 80211.

The Denver Division is in receipt of a copy of a letter dated 6/29/76 directed to CLARENCE RELLEY! Director, at FBIHO from

This letter is an invitation to Mr. KELLEY to attend the AGIF Convention and requesting an early reply from Mr. KELLEY.

The Denver Division has arranged for guaranteed reservations for SA and SA and SA for period 7/27 to 8/1/---

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## AMERICAN GI FORUM OF THE U.S. WASHINGTON, D.C. STATE FORUM

VETERANS FAMILY ORGANIZATION

April 5, 1978

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Clarence M. Kelley, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation Office of the Deputy Attorney General Washington, D. C. 20535 ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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Dear Mr. Kelley:

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The American G I Forum of the U.S. is a civic, veterans' family organization with nationwide membership. One of the major activities of our organization is to identify current issues that impact on the lives of Hispanics, study their terms and implications and develop recommendations. This requires an interchange of ideas and information with the community at large, and particularly with Government administrators and managers responsible for implementing programs mandated by law.

To provide a vehicle for this interchange of ideas and to raise the level of awareness and understanding, once a year we hold an issues symposium. This year's symposium, sponsored by the American G I Forum of Washington, D.C., Maryland and Virginia, will be held on May 11 and 12, 1978, at the International Inn in Washington, D.C.

We wish to extend you an invitation to attend our symposium. Our program will include top level officials that will give us an insight into issues that are very relevant today. We will deal with provocative questions supplied in a graph of the supplied in the supplied i

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"The new Urban Policy initiatives--what do they mean to minorities?"

A copy of our program is attached that gives you further details on the issues, speakers, panelists, and registration.

We sincerely hope you will be able to join us, as well as other staff members of your agency that due to their program responsibilities would benefit from our symposium. Should you have any questions with regard to our program, please call me at 755-0515.

Sincerely,

Lupe Saldana Chairman

April 25, 1978

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Mr. Lupe Saldana
Chairman

American GI Forum of the U.S.
Post Office Box 952
Arlington, Virginia 22216

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Dear Mr. Saldana:

your communication of April 5th inviting representatives of the FBI to attend your symposium being held in May has been received. I regret that the pressure of my duties and those of my associates who would participate in such programs is such as to preclude our accepting your finitation. I do appreciate your thinking of us in this

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Sincerely yours,

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Thave learned of the excellent coverage you gave

FBI career opportunities at the recent National Convention

of the American G. I. Forum in which my representatives

participated. Thank you for making this time available

to us and we certainly appreciate your generous comments

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Sincerely yours,

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I express appreciation, on behalf of the FBI, for your covering the PBI booth at the American G. I. Forum National Convention. We believe your endeavors in featuring our recruiting efforts for employing Hispanics aided in the success of this program, and we are most grateful for your cooperation and assistance in spite of the technical difficulties you experienced.

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My representatives who attended the American G. Forum National Convention in Corpus Christi have advised me of the cooperation you provided by broadcasting interviews and informing area residents of employment opportunities with the FBI. I feel very strongly that we must have minority representation in law enforcement if we are to gain the confidence and trust of all citizens and we are most grateful for your assistance in bringing our message to the Hispanic community.

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Dear Mr. Webster:

The American G I Forum of the U. S. will hold its Thirty-First Annual National Convention at the Detroit Plaza Hotel, Detroit, Michigan, during August 15-18, 1979. Over 3,000 persons attended last year's convention and this year we are expecting a greater attendance from the various Hispanic population groups from throughout the country. Our theme this year will be "Hispanic Ethnic Display of Unity".

The American G I Forum is a veterans' family organization vitally involved in promoting the civil and human rights of all people in the United States, and particularly Hispanic Americans. In the past, Hispanics have been excluded from participating in the mainstream of American society, and special efforts are now required to improve this history of exclusion. We believe the workshops, activities, and interactions generated by our Convention are an important part of this effort.

One of the highlights of our Convention this year will be our Commerce and Industry Show. From past experience, we have found that due to the level of involvement of the audience in current issues of our Government, they are desirous of information and literature on Federal programs and activities. Since this will be an excellent opportunity for your Agency to reach a large segment of the Hispanic population of our country, we are extending you an invitation to sponsor an exhibit booth. Our booth fee is \$600.00. Please sign and return the enclosed form as soon as possible, but no later than June 15, 1970, if you would like to reserve a booth space. Upon receipt of the completed contract form, which is enclosed, you will be the warded additional inform

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Lupe Saldana Exhibits Coordinator

American G. I. Forum

6705 West Lafayette Detroit, Michigan 48209

Dear Ms. Saldana:

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I am in receipt of your letter to Mr. Webster dated January 31, 1979.

I am pleased to advise you that we plan to participate in your 1979 Convention by sharing with the Department of Justice in rental of booth space. of the Department of Justice will be in contact with you regarding this matter.

Sincerely/yours,

Barbara E. Dean Equal Employment Opportunity Conference Coordinator

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated April 1, 1979, in which you requested the FBI to participate in your symposium, at the Quality Inn, Pentagon City, Arlington, Virginia, on May 9-10, 1979.

I am pleased to advise that Special Agent will participate in above-mentioned symposium, and his registration fee of \$65 will be paid at the door.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for extending the invitation to the FBI to participate in your symposium.

Sincerely yours,

Homer A. Boynton, Jr. Inspector in Charge Public Affairs Office JAR)

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